



# GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Council Chamber at City Hall

1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California

Website: [www.cityofgardena.org](http://www.cityofgardena.org)

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**Open Session 7:30 p.m.**

**TASHA CERDA**, *Mayor*

**RODNEY G. TANAKA**, *Mayor Pro Tem*

**MARK E. HENDERSON**, *Council Member*

**PAULETTE C. FRANCIS**, *Council Member*

**WANDA LOVE**, *Council Member*

**MINA SEMENZA**, *City Clerk*

**GUY H. MATO**, *City Treasurer*

**CLINT OSORIO**, *City Manager*

**CARMEN VASQUEZ**, *City Attorney*

**LIZA KRANITZ**, *Assistant City Attorney*

**ROSEMARY KOO**, *Assistant City Attorney*

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If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. **VIEW THE MEETING live on SPECTRUM CHANNEL 22 or ONLINE at**  
[youtube.com/CityofGardena](https://youtube.com/CityofGardena)
2. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at [publiccomment@cityofgardena.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityofgardena.org) by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.
3. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The City Council will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:

- Agenda Items – At the time the City Council considers the item or during Oral Communications
- Non-agenda Items – During Oral Communications
- Public Hearings – At the time for Public Hearings listed on the Agenda

If you wish to address the Council, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to the City Clerk or Sergeant of Arms. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Council. The City Council cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

4. The City of Gardena, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend and/or participate in the City meeting due to disability, to please contact the City Clerk's Office by phone (310) 217-9565 or email [cityclerk@cityofgardena.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofgardena.org) at least 24 business hours prior to the scheduled general meeting to ensure assistance is provided. Assistive listening devices are available.

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

Thank you for your attendance and cooperation

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### 1. ROLL CALL

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

### 2. CLOSED SESSION

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lorelei Alvarado and Abigail Barrientos  
Gardena Elementary School

### 4. INVOCATION

Reverend Christopher Codrington  
Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Gardena Events Video Presentation

### 6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A "National Library Week," April 6 through April 12, 2025 - ***to be accepted by Friends of the Library and Andrea Simental, Library Manager of Mayme Dear Library***

[Proclamation -National Library Week 2025.pdf](#)

6.B "Challenge the Norm and Influence of Marijuana Use on Youth Day" - April 20, 2025 - ***to be accepted by Tracy Saruwatari***

[Proclamation - 4-20 Challenge the Norm-Influence of Marijuana on Youth Day 2025.pdf](#)

### 7. APPOINTMENTS

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC- Roll Call Vote Required On The Consent Calendar**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless a Council Member requests Council discussion, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately following this portion of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.A Waiver of Reading in Full of All Ordinances Listed on this Agenda and that they be Read by Title Only

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

- 8.B Approve Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of the City Council, March 25, 2025

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

[03252025 CC MEETING - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.C Receive and File Minutes:  
Planning and Environment Quality Commission March 4, 2025  
Planning and Environment Quality Commission March 18, 2025

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

[2025\\_03\\_04 PCMIN - FINAL.pdf](#)

[2025\\_03\\_18 PCMIN - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, April 8, 2025

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[Warrant-Payroll Register 04-08-25.pdf](#)

- 8.E Personnel Report P-2025-7 04-08-25

**CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES**

[PERS RPT P-2025-7 4-08-25.pdf](#)

- 8.F [RESOLUTION NO. 6700, Amending the List of Authorized Games and Authorizing the Play of Certain Games in Licensed Card Clubs](#)

**CONTACT: CITY MANAGER**

[Reso No. 6700 - Authorized gaming activity.pdf](#)

[Letter - Hustler- Department of Justice approval.pdf](#)

[Letter - Approval Request for Hustler Casino Punch Card Promotion.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

10. **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET**

10.A APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING

**FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #9-23, SITE PLAN REVIEW #5-23, AND VARIANCE #1-23**

The Planning Commission considered a request for a six-month extension for the construction and the use of a new public utility facility by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts in the General Commercial (C-3) zone within the City.

LOCATION: 1919, 1923, 1931 W. Artesia Boulevard; APNs: 4094-007-903, 906, 905

APPLICANT: Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved a six-month extension of time for Conditional Use Permit #9-23, Site Plan Review #5-23, and Variance #1-23, by a vote of 5-0.

**City Council Action:** Receive and file **OR** call for review by way of two votes from the City Council.

10.B APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING

**2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report**

An information report was presented to the Planning Commission providing an overview of the City of Gardena's 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission received staff's report.

**Council Action:** No action needed.

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11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (LIMITED TO A 30-MINUTE PERIOD)**

*Oral Communications by the public will be heard for one-half hour at or before 8:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the last agenda item commenced prior to 8:30 p.m. Oral Communications not concluded at that time shall be resumed at the end of the meeting after Council Reports. Speakers are to limit their remarks to three minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. An amber light will appear to alert the speaker when two minutes are complete, and a red light will appear when three minutes are over. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

11.A **PUBLIC COMMENT**

[04-08-2025 Regular CC Meeting - PC #1 - Oral Communication.pdf](#)

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

12.A [Approval of Two \(2\) Professional Services Agreements for Voter Survey, Education, Outreach, and Communications for Potential Ballot Revenue Measure with TeamCivX for \\$165,250 and Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates \(FM3\) for \\$62,750 including a 20 Percent Contingency of \\$45,600 for a Project Total of \\$273,600](#)

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval of Two (2) Professional Services Agreements for Voter Survey, Education, Outreach, and Communications for Potential Ballot Revenue Measure with TeamCivX and Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) for a Project Total of \$273,600, which includes a Contingency of Twenty Percent (20%)

[psa - teamcivx.pdf](#)  
[psa - fm3.pdf](#)  
[TeamCivX\\_Council\\_Presentation.pdf](#)

- 12.B [Approval of Police Managers' Resolution No. 6699, the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between The City of Gardena and Michael Saffell, and Classification and Compensation Schedules](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Approve Police Managers' Resolution No. 6699, the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between The City of Gardena and Michael Saffell, and Classification and Compensation Schedules**

[Resolution No. 6699 - Unrepresented Police Managers.pdf](#)  
[Second Amendment to Employment Agreement- Saffell.pdf](#)  
[Classification and Compensation Schedules - Amended April 8 2025.pdf](#)

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

14. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES**

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [RESOLUTION NO. 6688, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments under the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and Appointing a time and place for a Public Hearing thereon \(Public Hearing: May 13, 2025\).](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6688**

[Artesia Landscaping District Resolution No 6688.pdf](#)  
[Gardena Landscape Engineer's Report 2025-26.pdf](#)

- 16.B [RESOLUTION NO. 6689, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments under the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and Appointing a time and place for a Public Hearing thereon \(Public Hearing: May 13, 2025\)](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6689**

[Consolidated Street Lighting District Resolution No 6689.pdf](#)  
[Gardena SLD Engineer's Report 2025-26.pdf](#)

17. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

21. **CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS**

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

1. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON
2. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA
3. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

**Mr. Arthur Joe Castillo Sr.**, 81 years of age, resident of Gardena for over 50 years, and a member of the Gardena Elks Lodge where he helped run Bingo on a weekly basis.

**Mrs. Kohar Tavoukjian**, beloved mother of WRG General Manager Mark Tavoukjian.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Gardena City Council will adjourn to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at [www.CityofGardena.org](http://www.CityofGardena.org).

Dated this 4th day of April 2025

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk